

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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Daffodil Greetings!

Hello, Spring! And to welcome spring you will certainly want to come to our next meeting, **Wednesday, April 17, 7:15 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library**. This will be a different sort of meeting, an interactive one which we'll all enjoy and learn new skills, as well. **Kathy Rupff** is coming and after a brief discussion and demo of her collage work (and Kathy is skilled in several media), we will create our own paper collage. All materials are provided and it's all free. Kathy received her Bachelor's Degree in Art from St. Mary's College of Maryland. She worked as a graphic designer for an international ministry in Delaware for almost 20 years. She now lives in Hope, NJ with her husband Evan, and their cats and rabbit. Currently working mainly in paper collage, photography, and digital art, Kathy's interested in creativity of all kinds, including writing, baking, and children's book illustration. To learn more about Kathy or see more of her work, please visit her portfolio website at <https://www.kathleenrupff.com/> and also <https://www.kathleenrupff.com/blog>



(Editor's note: I first met Kathy in an illustration course; you'd love her children's book illustrations; so do check out her website. Also she will bring card stock, scissors, glue sticks, and magazine paper for cutting. I'm thinking of bringing along some origami paper I like and maybe even some markers for embellishment. You may want to, also.) *Come, enjoy a fun night of creating with paper.*



Wren's Summer Song

The Big Apple Bus Trip - There is still time to join us on our Big Apple Bus Trip Saturday April 13th. President Marge McGovern, who once again is good enough to organize this trip, urges us to take advantage of this fine opportunity. Shouldn't you be going? With some of your friends? You can phone or email Marge. Marge's email is Margaret McGovern mmm@simulationsinc.com . Because the trip is this coming Saturday, please phone Marge at 732-356-7800 and then pay on the bus. The bus leaves at 8:30 am from the upper parking lot of the Somerset County Library (same spot as usual). We leave the Met about 2:00 to go to the Salmagundi Club for the American Watercolor Society Show, and we leave there at 4 to arrive back in Bridgewater at 5 (this time change comes at the request of several who want to get back home sooner). This is a fantastic day, with all sorts of wonderful art to see and inspire us, as well as the camaraderie of art friends. The trip on the bus, with comfortable seats and a bathroom besides, only costs \$40. It's door to door for us! To see what will be showing at the Met just go to <https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/current-exhibitions> . Please art lovers, reply soon.

RVAA members thoroughly enjoyed Carole Katz' demo and talk last month.

(Editor's note: you owe it to yourself to go to www.carolekatzart.com to see more of her work)



Bernardsville Library Exhibit - Wow! Nancy Boney and Peggye Tombro did an outstanding job of hanging about 60 paintings (some are in the case just before the gallery room) with Bill Metz' help. And then the reception spread that Peg and Nancy put out, complete with deep purple primroses in pots, well, it was lovely. We had an excellent reception and the show is up until April 27. Please do take a short trip up to Bernardsville to enjoy it! **Artists in this show!** You are reminded to please pick up your art work at Bernardsville Library, Saturday, April 27, between 1:00 and 2:00 pm.

The artists in this show are Jenn Ali, Linda Arnold, Ken Bernhard, Nancy Boney, Susan Boyd, Marcia Chalker, Lydia Chibane, Judy Hummer, Bill Metz, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, George Straka, Peggye Cole Tombro, Lois Westerfield, and Eric Zhao.





Just in case you forgot, RVAA dues are now overdue. Individual membership is \$35. per year, Family \$40. per year, Student (through high school) \$20. per year. Please make your check payable to RVAA and mail the application (at the end of this newsletter) with your check to Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836. You know these wonderful demos don't just happen! They cost us! And you also have 2-3 shows a year where you can exhibit, as well as delightful events such as a bus trip to NYC. And, oh yes, we're on Facebook, have this Newsletter and our website, www.Raritanvalleyarts.org, where you can post your paintings in the "Members Gallery". So please mail your check to Susan ASAP! Thank you!

The 2nd edition of **Art at the Esplanade**, a juried outdoor fine arts & crafts show, will be held in Mountain Lakes on **Sunday, June 2nd, 2019.**

Elm Road's wide esplanade, located across from Mountain Lakes' two restaurants and surrounded by trees, is the perfect setting to welcome exhibitors and the crowds to meet them.

Art at the Esplanade is seeking artists for this all-media event. Details about the event and submission requirements can be found on our website: <https://aate2018.wixsite.com/artshow>

All artists, professional and amateur are encouraged to submit their artwork!

You are invited - Darla Bostick's 2019 Ghost Ranch Art Retreat/Workshops in NM -

Darla Bostick's 13th and 14th Ghost Ranch Retreats/Workshop in Abiquiu, NM. Because of popularity a second event has been added 2-8 June with a different media each day. The UN-traditional watercolor workshop is 29 Sept-6 Oct and combines the media of photography, watercolor and more!

Relax, enjoy, create! Live at the Ranch for 7 days/6 nights! Enjoy plein air opportunities and the comfort of a group activity room (floor to ceiling vista views). The Georgia O'Keeffe Landscape Tour takes you where she painted the local magnificent area. Tour the O'Keeffe studio/home. **Limited to 18 participants.** New room and board pricing provides the ultimate discount when sharing a room (bring a friend/spouse)! Daily demos, slide presentations, door prizes and optional happy hour. Details appear on Darla's registration tab www.darlabostick.com. See why Georgia O'Keeffe loved Ghost Ranch! Spaces now filling for both workshops. Unclaimed rooms are released 6 weeks before the workshop.

If you have a facebook account, please help spread the word! (I'm just a one-gal operation)
As I send this to you today, the June workshop is half full and the October workshop is 2/3 full
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www.darlabostick.com

Other opportunities Please do check our Jenn Ali's RVAA Facebook page. She posts different opportunities such as Art for the Park, Saturday May 11 from noon until 5 at Columbia Middle School, Berkeley Heights. For more info, go to <https://www.entrythingy.com/www.peppertownpark.com> . As an RVAA member, you too can post on our Facebook page.

The Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick has several different shows going on. They often have free lectures, and even some bus trips (not free). There is so much on their website and you will probably be interested in some of it.
<http://www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu/> .

Members in the News

NANCY BONEY and **PEGGY COLE TOMBRO** have paintings in the Farmstead Arts Center 2019 Members' Art Show, with an opening reception, to which you are all invited, on Sunday, April 14th, From 1-4. The exhibit runs through June 9. The Farmstead Arts Center is at 450 King George Road, Basking Ridge, NJ.

DIANA PATTON will have a one-woman show at the Bridgewater Township Municipal Gallery with about fifty paintings during the month of May. There will be a reception but I don't have the date yet. You will all be invited! Diana will also be leading a collaborative art project where ALL ages can contribute, at the Center for Contemporary Art's **6th Annual Hooray for May!** celebration which will take place on Saturday, May 11, from 1-4 p.m., This is a very popular free family art day, especially for children, with art tours of the galleries and free refreshments.

What?! Where is your news? Please send lots as our last Newsletter of the season is our May issue. *Inquiring minds want to hear your news!*

Happy Painting!
Diana

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Membership Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Address: _____

ART level:

Beginner () Intermediate () Advanced ()

Most used medium:

Oil () Watercolor () Pencil () Photography () Printmaking ()

() Pastel () Collage () Pen & Ink () Other: _____

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